



PRAY AND ACT FOR PEACE



Prayer for Forgiveness

In the presence of all that is holy within and around us, and in the sacred bonds of our common humanity, we give thanks for the life that we share and for our calling to care for each other.

We remember our sisters and brothers who are suffering in Haiti – and in all places where mere existence is a profound struggle.

We confess that we have fallen short in caring for every member of our human family, and that in spite of our abundant resources we have failed to ensure that all may receive what they need for the life that is intended for every person.

So we pray for forgiveness...

for hearts that have been slow to feel another's pain...

for hands that have been still when a loving touch was needed...

and for voices that have remained silent while millions suffer for lack of basic needs like shelter, clothing, food, and health care.

May the valleys and the burdens of hunger, homelessness, suffering, sickness and disease be conquered as we raise our voices of hope and faith to the simple, moral, and merciful imperative of taking care of one another. Amen.*

**Adapted from "Faithful Reform in Health Care" words prayed in recent months in services of remembrance and in vigils for health care reform.*